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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 890,000 head as of June 1, 2015. This latest inventory is 1 percent below last month and 2 percent below last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 130,000 head of fed cattle during May 2015, 8 percent above last month but 10 percent below May 2014 marketings of 145,000 head. An estimated 140,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, 3 percent below a month ago but no change from May 2014 placements. Of the number placed in May, 21 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 14 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 25 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 39 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for May is estimated at 20,000 head, 5,000 head above last month but 5,000 head below last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on June 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above June 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.71 million, 10 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 260,000, 700-799 pounds were 389,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 710,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.71 million, 8 percent below 2014. May marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 82,000 during May, 19 percent below 2014.

For a full copy of the June 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov